

### REMARKS

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application.

Claims 1-26 were originally presented. Claims 1-29 remain in the application. New claims 27-29 have been added. Support for new claims 27-29 is found in the specification (page 12, lines 27-33) and drawings (FIGs. 1, 2 and 18); and the specification (page 12, line 33 – page 13, line 3) and the drawings (FIGs. 30a-c).

### CONCLUSION

If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Garron M. Hobson at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Check No. 8749 in the amount of \$113.00, is enclosed for three new claims over twenty and two new independent claims over three.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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Respectfully submitted,



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